

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### BECKY ORFORD RETIRES: HER GAIN, OUR LOSS

Yesterday was the end of an era. Becky Orford, who has capably handled acquisitions and later interlibrary loan for the Alaska State Library, retired. We're sorry to see her go, but so pleased to see the joy with which she's embarking on new adventures.

If you've ever had the opportunity to work with Becky, you know that she's a treasure. Calm, conscientious, hard-working, consistent, creative, helpful, and yes, organized, Becky consistently took extra steps to ensure her work met the highest standards. And she always tried to make things as easy and convenient as possible for library users and staff alike. Just about any superlative would be appropriate, but Becky has two strengths that we'll miss especially:

- While consistently polite and friendly, Becky was not shy about highlighting problems and potential problems. She has saved her supervisors, and many projects, with simple questions such as, “Have you thought about this?” or “What will our patrons think about that?”

- Becky's procedures manuals are things of beauty: always complete and updated. One could step in and do most interlibrary loan procedures with just the manual.

On top of all this, Becky is also a gifted actress and seamstress, and looks forward to spending more time with these passions in her retirement. Her friends and colleagues at the Alaska State Library wish her all the best. Break a leg, Becky!

## **REPORT FROM COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING**

The Alaska State Library participates in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) which is a consortium of states working together to develop high-quality summer reading program materials. The Collaborative Summer Library Program Annual Meeting was held April 15-17, 2015 in Newport, Rhode Island and was attended by approximately 140 attendees (state representatives, invited children's youth services librarians and CSLP partners). Claudia Haines, an active youth services librarian from the Homer Public Library was invited to attend the CSLP Annual Meeting.

During the annual meeting CSLP representatives held committee meeting to review the organization's finances, reviewed marketing materials for the 2016 summer reading program which has a wellness, fitness and sports theme, voted to elect the single slogan "Build A better World" for the 2017 Summer Reading program, which has an architectural theme. And after much discussion and voting cycles representatives selected music as the theme for the 2018 summer reading program.

Other highlights from the CSLP Annual meeting included:

- 2015 Teen Video Challenge Winners
  - <http://www.cslpreads.org/programs/teen-program/teen-video-challenge/>
- CSLP Summer Reading White Paper
  - <http://www.cslpreads.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/CSLP-Summer-Reading-White-Paper-2015.pdf>
- Kate Dicamillo selected as the 2015 National Summer Reading Champion!
  - <http://www.cslpreads.org/nationalsummerreadingchampion/>

For more information about the Collaborative Summer Library Program visit <http://www.cslpreads.org/>

To learn more about the 2015 Alaska Summer Reading Program visit <http://library.alaska.gov/srp/home.html>

Thanks to Julie Niederhauser for sharing her report with us.

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **ANCHOR POINT: A NEW BEAUTIFUL (SALON) BUILDING**

[An 4/30/2015 article in the Homer News](#) announced the Anchor Point Public Library has moved into its new home – a remodeled building that included a beauty salon and two apartments. Work is ongoing on the new facility after move in. Congratulations Anchor Point!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRENDWATCHING: USING SPEECH, GESTURE, TOUCH AND SIGHT FOR COMPUTERS

[No Interface](#) is the May 2015 Trend Briefing from Trendwatching.com. Some of the things that are coming off the “That’s science fiction!” list are:

- Paying for things by gazing into your cell phone
- Computers picking up on your emotions
- Control your home (or library, archives, museum) with your voice or gestures
- Heads up displays for your cars
- Augmented reality goggles for skiers and snowboarders

Some of these apps sound cool, others somewhat disturbing, but everything discussed here has at least one working prototype behind it.

### GOOGLE PLAY NOW HIGHLIGHTS “DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES” ANDROID APPS

According to:

[Google Play’s New Program “Designed for Families” Will Highlight Pre-Approved, Kid Safe Apps](#) Perez, Sarah. *TechCrunch*, April 14, 2015

Google is introducing a new level of review for Android Apps offered through Google’s Play store. Some of the criteria “Designed for Families” apps will have to meet include:

- Apps must comply with COPPA (the Children’s Online Privacy Protection act) and all other applicable children’s privacy regulations.
- In the US, apps must be rated ESRB “Everyone” or “Everyone 10+”

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